

**§ 101-29.202 Standard.**

A *standard* is a document that establishes engineering and technical requirements for items, processes, procedures, practices, and methods that have been adopted as customary. Standards may also establish requirements for selection, application, and design criteria so as to achieve the highest practical degree of uniformity in materials or products, or interchangeability of parts used within or on those products.

**§ 101-29.203 Federal specification.**

A *Federal specification* is a specification, issued in the Federal series, that is mandatory for use by all Federal agencies. These documents are issued or controlled by the General Services Administration and are listed in the GSA "Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions."

**§ 101-29.204 Interim Federal specification.**

An *interim Federal specification* is a potential Federal specification issued in temporary form for optional use by all Federal agencies. Interim amendments to Federal Specifications and amendments to interim Federal specifications are included in this definition. These documents are issued or controlled by the General Services Administration and are listed in the GSA "Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions."

**§ 101-29.205 Federal standard.**

A *Federal standard* is a standard, issued in the Federal series, that is mandatory for use by all Federal agencies. These documents are issued or controlled by the General Services Administration and are listed in the GSA "Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions."

**§ 101-29.206 Interim Federal standard.**

An *interim Federal standard* is a potential Federal standard issued in temporary form for optional use by all Federal agencies. These documents are issued or controlled by the General

Services Administration, primarily for use in the telecommunication functional area.

**§ 101-29.207 Qualified products list (QPL).**

A *qualified products list* is a list of products that have met the qualification requirements stated in the applicable specification, including appropriate product identification and test or qualification reference number, with the name and plant address of the manufacturer and distributor, as applicable. Documents that contain QPL requirements are listed in the GSA "Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions."

**§ 101-29.208 Commercial item description (CID).**

A *commercial item description* is an indexed, simplified product description that describes by function or performance characteristics of available, acceptable commercial products that will satisfy the Government's needs. These documents are issued or controlled by the General Services Administration and are listed in the GSA "Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions."

**§ 101-29.209 Purchase description.**

A *purchase description* is any informal product description prepared for one-time use only or for small purchases when issuance of a formal product description is not cost effective.

**§ 101-29.210 Product.**

The term *product* is any end item, either manufactured or produced, and also includes materials, parts, components, subassemblies, equipment, accessories, attachments, and services.

**§ 101-29.211 Product description.**

A *product description* is a description of a product for acquisition and management purposes. Product descriptions include specifications, standards, commercial item descriptions, purchase descriptions, and brand-name purchase descriptions.